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SUBJECT: RHODESIA: NON PAPER ON SUBJECTS FOR
DISCUSSION AT ALL PARTIES MEETING

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF THE NON PAPER GRAHAM AND I GAVE
JACK GAYLARD MONDAY AFTERNOON JULY 17 IN RESPONSE TO
IAN SMITH'S REQUEST. WE WANTED TO TAKE PROMPT ADVANTAGE
OF THE OPENING SMITH GAVE US TO ENGAGE IN DISCUSSION
OF THE SUBSTANCE OF AN ALL PARTIES MEETING AND THOUGHT IT
PREFERABLE TO DO IT IN THIS UNOFFICIAL NON IDENTIFIABLE
WAY. GAYLARD AGREED THE DOCUMENT WOULD NOT BE SHARED
WITH SMITH'S COLLEAGUES ON THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL (WHO ARE
NOTORIOUS LEAKERS) AND SUGGESTED IN ADDITION THAT IT
BE HIS PAPER TO SMITH RESULTING FROM CONVERSATION WITH
US.

2. WE DESCRIBED THE PAPER AS ONE WHICH LAYS OUT
THE PRINCIPAL SUBJECTS WHICH WOULD HAVE TO BE DEALT
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WITH AT A MEETING AND ON WHICH AGREEMENT WOULD HAVE TO
BE REACHED IF THE MEETING WERE TO BE SUCCESSFUL. THUS
IN ACCEPTING THE PAPER--OR TO GO TO A MEETING WITHOUT
REJECTING IT-- PARTICIPANTS ARE ACKNOWLEDGING A
WILLINGNESS TO MOVE OFF THEIR AGREED (MARCH 3RD)
POSITION. THIS IS NOT A BRIEF FOR ANYONE'S POSITION
BUT IT GIVES NOTICE TO SMITH WHAT HE IS GOING TO HAVE

TO DEAL WITH IF HE WANTS AGREEMENT AMONG THE PARTIES.

3. BEGIN TEXT: PRINCIPAL SUBJECTS FOR DISCUSSION AT
A MEETING OF ALL THE PARTIES AT PRINCIPAL LEVEL

1) A TRANSITIONAL CONSTITUTION, WHICH WOULD SUPERSEDE
THE 1969 CONSTITUTION AND WOULD PROVIDE FOR AN
ADMINISTRATION, NEUTRAL AS BETWEEN THE PARTIES, THROUGH
A COUNCIL, THE COMPOSITION, METHOD OF OPERATION AND
CHAIRMANSHIP OF WHICH WOULD BE MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION.

2) THE PROVISIONS FOR HOLDING OF FREE AND IMPARTIAL
ELECTIONS AT THE END OF THE AGREED TRANSITIONAL PERIOD.

3) THE INDEPENDENCE CONSTITUTION, INCLUDING THE
COMPOSITION AND POWERS OF PARLIAMENT (E.G. SPECIAL WHITE
REPRESENTATION AND ENTRENCHMENT).

4) MILITARY AND ASSOCIATED ARRANGEMENTS. THIS WOULD
COVER THE FORMATION OF ARMED FORCES FOR THE INDEPENDENT
COUNTRY FROM THE EXISTING FIGHTING FORCES AND THE
INTEGRATION OF THE REST OF THOSE NOW UNDER ARMS INTO
PEACETIME SOCIETY. IT WOULD ALSO COVER ARRANGEMENTS
FOR A CEASEFIRE BACKED BY A UN FORCE. END TEXT.

4. READING OVER THE DOCUMENT, GAYLARD SAID HE KNEW THE
PF POSITION ON MOST OF THE SUBJECTS MENTIONED. HE

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THOUGHT NUMBERS ONE AND FOUR
WOULD GIVE MOST DIFFICULTY. WE AGAIN DISCUSSED BRIEFLY

THE CARVER PLAN FOR CREATION OF A NEW ARMY. GAYLARD POINTED OUT THEY HAD NEVER RECEIVED A WRITTEN DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSAL. WE UNDERTOOK TO LOOK INTO THE POSSIBILITY OF GIVING COPIES TO ALL PARTIES.

5. GAYLARD REVERTED TO ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS, REPEATING HIS CONCERN THAT NEITHER MUZOREWA NOR SITHOLE WOULD AGREE TO ATTEND A MEETING IN ZAMBIA. HE AGAIN SUGGESTED BUMI HILLS ON LAKE KARIBA OR WANKIE GAME LODGE BOTH IN RHODESIA BUT WE SAID WE THOUGHT THERE WAS LITTLE CHANCE THE PF WOULD AGREE TO EITHER. HE THEN WONDERED WHETHER IT WOULD BE MORE SENSIBLE TO AIM AT A MEETING THAT WAS CONFIDENTIAL--NO PRESS ALLOWED--RATHER THAN SECRET. ON COMPOSITION OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL, HE NOTED THAT HE THOUGHT IT UNLIKELY THAT SOMEBODY LIKE MUZOREWA WOULD ACCEPT REPRESENTATION OF ONE QUARTER OF A HALF WHILE NKOMO HAD HALF OF A HALF. WE ACKNOWLEDGED THE DIFFICULTY OF FINDING A SECRET

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FORMULA ACCEPTABLE TO ALL.

6. COMMENT: FOLLOWING THE LEAD OF HIS CHIEF, GAYLARD HAS SIGNIFICANTLY MODIFIED HIS POSITION OF LAST THURSDAY WHEN HE DENIED THAT SMITH HAD SAID HE WAS WILLING TO NOVE OFF THE MARCH 3RD AGREEMENT AND ESSENTIALLY REFUSED TO ENTER INTO SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSIONS FOR A NEW AGREEMENT.

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